

THE MARYLAND BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS CLARIFICATION REGARDING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Recent inquiries and concerns received by the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the “Board”) appear to result from incorrect information distributed as to the educational requirements accepted by the Board for licensure in the State of Maryland.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Pursuant to Health Occupations Article 7-306 d(1):

Prior to an individual appearing before the Board for approval of an apprentice license, the individual must complete two-thirds of the academic credits for a mortuary science program at a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or approved by the Board, with a 2.0 grade point average or higher that is verified with a certified copy of the college transcript.

In addition, pursuant to COMAR 10.29.09.03 a student must successfully complete an “embalming practical experience.” COMAR 10.29.09.03.B(2). The Board does not regulate how the student accomplishes the embalming experience. That is a matter dictated by the school and is subject to the laws within the state where the mortuary science program is conducted.

Finally, the Board does not regulate nor does it have the authority to dictate a school’s mortuary science program curriculum or whether a student of mortuary science completes their education via an online course method or in-person classes.